

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
6:15 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street.

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Paul Barada Sr., Aaron Gurley, Will St. John, James Zachery and Dave Malson. Also present was Secretary Carla Sharpe, Parks Director Danny Mathews, and Attorney Tracy Newhouse.

Minutes: Barada moved to approve August 14, 2012 minutes. Malson seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Barada and Gurley. Barada moved to approve the claims for the month. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

Parks Director's Report: Gospel went well. Great turn out. 200-300 people. Was real nice. Gearing up now for Halloween. Otte will get the donation letters sent out and Sharpe will send out a request letter to the County to use the cattle barn. The Halloween Parade will be Wednesday, October 31st.

Reports from Other Committees and Boards:

- 1) **James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team** –They have sponsored over 45 evening walks with more coming in and through the parks. Next spring or early summer they are planning a Family Scavenger Hunt and a GEO Catching in the different parks. All the walkers are enjoying the parks and have been well attended.
- 2) **Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update** – Still has the same three individuals on a consistent basis. Logged 53 hours last month. Doing a lot of morning hours. The Parks Patrol Program runs from April through October and he feels this has helped a lot with the vandalism. Mathews stated he has noticed a difference although did have a fire in the bathroom one night after 10:00 p.m. Malson asked if we locked the bathrooms at night. Mathews stated he has at times. Malson stated he feels that locking them after 10:00 p.m. will eliminate problems. Malson stated that he and his wife walk a lot of evenings and he has noticed the parks are a lot better. Gurley stated there have been improvements made. Gurley will run the ad again and get new Parks Patrol people and train them over the winter for next summer. Mathews and Gurley both stated that John Smith and his wife are doing a real good job and so is Ginny Whittaker.
- 3) **Aaron Gurley – Sunken Garden Update** – Gurley talked to the Mayor and he has asked us to wait until after school started to fill in the Sunken Garden. Mathews stated they are having difficulty finding dirt to fill the hole in. Malson said he don't know why we have to be in a hurry to fill the hole in. Parents are setting with their kids watching them play in the hole and he feels there is not an issue at this time. St. John sated he don't know if it's a 100% good idea to fill in the Sunken Garden.

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Malson stated there have been no bad accidents.

Otte stated we did vote to fill in the Sunken Garden.

Malson and St. John both voiced their opposition to filling in the Sunken Garden.

Unfinished Business: Mathews asked if the ball leagues were done so he could shut off the restrooms and get things winterized. Zachery, Gurley and St. John stated to their knowledge the ball leagues are over.

Newhouse stated the new Lightning Policy has been added to the Ball League Lease Agreements. Once they see lightning everyone is to leave the field within 30 minutes of the last lightning strike. Newhouse stated the lease agreements have been amended.

Malson asked why the gates were off the bridge in the park. Mathews stated that Davis is designing a safer gate.

Otte stated we will hire the Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Manager at the October meeting.

New Business: None at this time.

Items not known in advance: Non at this time.

There being no further business, Barada moved to adjourn. Malson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA SR., VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY